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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ [X] Response to Restriction Requirement (2 pages).

☒ [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 21, 2006, Applicants hereby provisionally elects Group II, Claims 29-33, drawn to a method of inhibiting degradation of a natriuretic peptide, classified in class 424, subclass 9.2.

No fee is believed due with this filing, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such

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